



## FINANCES IN GOOD SHAPE

### Uncle Sam's Treasurer Makes Report.

### SURPLUS OF MILLIONS

### Emergency Measures Adopted by Department During Financial Crisis.

### CUSTOMS BUSINESS INCREASE

### Radical Change Made in Inspection of Baggage—Recommends Library for Life Saving Stations—Amendment Suggested for Banking Laws.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—Secretary of the Treasury George B. Cortelyou, today presented to the Speaker of the House of Representatives his report of the Treasury Department for the fiscal year, ending June 30.

The receipts of the government from all sources for the fiscal year totalled \$846,723,339.02. The total expenditures for the same period were \$702,488,753.32. The surplus for the period being \$84,236,586.30.

The public debt of the United States at the close of the fiscal year was \$2,457,188,061.34 and the cash on hand in the Treasury for the same period, \$1,088,027,086.83.

The revenues of the Government for the current fiscal year, 1908, are estimated, upon the basis of existing laws, as follows: Total estimated revenues, \$844,025,581.10, and the total estimated expenditures for the same period are \$802,025,581.10, showing a surplus of \$42,000,000.

The available cash balance in the general fund at the close of the fiscal year 1907 was \$272,061,445.47, an increase of \$91,372,090.65 as compared with that of 1906.

The report in part further states as follows:

#### Silver Purchases.

During the fiscal year 11,999,866 ounces of silver bullion were purchased for the coinage of subsidiary pieces at an average of \$0.6727 per ounce 0.999 fine. When purchases were resumed the supply of coin in the Treasury was low and the demand imperative, making heavy purchases necessary. Since a fair stock has been accumulated the policy has been adopted of spreading the purchases uniformly over the year to avoid making the Treasury an uncertain and disturbing factor in the market.

#### Life Saving Service.

Contract was entered into during the year for the building of two new stations—one at Bethany Beach, Del.; the other at Garibaldi, Ore., at the entrance to Tillamook Bay. The former station has just been completed and the latter is now under construction.

The appropriation made for the maintenance of the service during the current fiscal year was increased over that for the year preceding by \$100,000, with the intention that a good portion of the amount should be expended in providing additional lifeboats with power, and this intention is being fulfilled.

A brief account of the development of these boats was given in last year's report. The experience which the service has since had with them shows that the prospective value of this improvement to the efficiency of the service was not then overestimated.

The estimates for the maintenance of the service for the ensuing fiscal year will contain an item providing for books for life-saving stations.

#### Secret Service.

The Secret Service Division reports a continued and satisfactory decrease in the number of offenses against the cur-

rency of the United States. Of 15 new counterfeit issues discovered and described during the fiscal year only 5 were in the "deceptive" class, and the circulation of even the best of the counterfeits was very much restricted. Most of the counterfeits suggests the work of novices or ignorant foreigners. In the coin counterfeits the spurious dollars and halves made of low-grade silver have almost wholly disappeared and the volume of base-metal counterfeits showed a material reduction from the previous year. There were only 210 prosecutions for counterfeiting, as compared with 705 ten years ago and 305 during the previous year.

#### Customs.

The fiscal year ended July 1, 1907, was by far the greatest in the customs history of the country. The total value of imports of merchandise during the year was \$1,434,421,425, an increase of more than \$200,000,000 over the preceding year, and for the third successive year the largest in the country's history. The imports of merchandise have almost doubled in value since 1896. The customs duties collected in the past year amount to \$333,230,126, an increase of \$33,000,000 over 1906, which up to that time was the greatest year in point of customs receipts. For the third successive year the value of the exports of domestic merchandise has also been the largest known, amounting to \$1,854,553,956, over \$136,000,000 more than in 1906.

A radical change has also been made in the matter of passenger baggage declarations which is intended to do away with a system which has been a source of constant annoyance and much complaint on the part of the traveling public. There were two features in connection with the examination of passengers' baggage that were especially the subject of criticism and complaint. These were the herding of the passengers in the cabin of the steamship in the last hour of the trip in order to have declarations made before a customs officer, and the oath that was required when the declaration was made, which involved compelling the passenger to swear to

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## HOLIDAYS WILL END

### December 14 Will See Business Resume Normally.

### CREDITORS WILL BE LENIENT

### Governor Firmly Believes in the Patriotism of the People and Has Confidence That the Situation Will Mend Rapidly—Return if Absolutely Necessary.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 5.—Governor Chamberlain announced today that no more holidays would be proclaimed in connection with the money stringency after the 14th of the present month. The Governor is firmly convinced that the reason for the calling of the holidays is rapidly mending and believes that 10 days more should place the banks on a footing to meet any contingency that may arise.

Governor Chamberlain has issued the following letter to all the judges in the state:

"Dear Sir:—I have just issued a proclamation continuing the holiday to and including the 14th instant. Conditions are improving all over the state, and I cannot see any reason for interfering longer than that with the business of the courts, and the contractual relations of the citizen.

"I have great confidence in the patriotism of the people, and now that conditions are understood by them, I am sure the creditors will be lenient with the debtor until confidence is fully restored and the financial stringency entirely relieved by further shipments of money from eastern banks and individuals.

"I will discontinue these holidays after the 14th instant and will only return to them in case it becomes absolutely necessary as a means of protecting the business interests and credit of the whole state.

"GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN.

"Governor"

## TROOPS GO TO NEVADA

### President Orders Funston to Send Regulars.

### STRIKERS HAVE ARMS

### Request for Troops is Taken as a Precautionary Measure.

### START WITH NON-UNION MINERS

### Mine Owners Are Preparing to Start Mines—Camps Are Strongly Unionized and Trouble is Feared—Strikers Alleged to Have Five Hundred Guns.

CARSON CITY, Nev., Dec. 5.—Governor Sparks today confirmed the report that he has asked the government for troops to hold the situation in hand. Late today he said he expected two companies of troops to leave San Francisco tomorrow. This will practically place Goldfield under martial law. The action of the Tonopah mine owners in closing the mines at that place may complicate the matter to a considerable extent and may make it necessary to send some of the soldiers there. The two towns are 20 miles apart.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—President Roosevelt tonight instructed General Funston to dispatch a sufficient force of regulars to Goldfield to control the situation there.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Dec. 5.—The mine owners' committee which advised Governor Sparks to make a request for troops states it is only as a precautionary measure suggested by the recollection of the terrors of the Cripple Creek and Custer d'Alene strikes. The mine owners are preparing to start with non-union miners. As the camp is strongly unionized and led by desperate agitators, who have been driven from one state and one camp to another, the attempt to resume operations with non-union men may result in trouble. The miners are quietly but industriously preparing for trouble and it is alleged have 500 stands of arms at their headquarters. Goldfield is quiet.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—Arrangements were made tonight with the Southern Pacific for the movement of federal troops from California to Goldfield, Nevada. Two trains each carrying 1300 men will leave tomorrow morning.

#### SUCKS OUT POISON.

Owes Life to Lady Attendant When Bit by Gila Monster.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Frank Gillian, an attendant at the Children's Museum, in Bedford Park, Brooklyn, is back at work after six weeks in a hospital, with the knowledge that he owes his life to the promptness and bravery of Miss Mary Daylee, formerly of Richmond, Va. Six weeks ago Gillian was cleaning out the cage which is occupied by the gila monster in the museum, when the venomous reptile bit him. Its teeth were buried deep in Gillian's hand and he was forced to pry its jaws apart. Gillian at once bathed his hand in alcohol, and then Miss Lee lacerated the hand with a sharp knife and, applying her lips to the wound, sucked out the poison. In spite of her prompt action Gillian's hand at once began to swell and he was rushed to a hospital where he was forced to remain for six weeks.

#### TURF MYSTERY.

Yearling in Keene Stables Who Can go Some.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The first mystery of the turf season of 1908 has appeared in a yearling colt in the stable of Jas. R. Keene at Sheepshead Bay. There is little information obtainable about the colt except that it is of a dark bay or brown color and is a wonderful goer. The youngster's name and pedigree are not known to anyone outside the stable and Mr. Keene's employees do not talk about the horses they have in training. It is said at a recent trial the youngster did a quarter mile with weight up in 22 3-5, some of those who saw the trial from afar off making the time 22 flat. It has been fully determined, it is said, that Mr. Keene's sensational three-year-old of last season, Peter Pan, will not be trained again owing to injuries received late in the season, but will be sent to the Keene farm in Kentucky.

#### TOOTH WEIGHS SOME.

Four Pounds of Mastodon Tooth Found in Montana.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 5.—While at work on the Milwaukee road bed near Helena yesterday, workmen unearthed the teeth and bones of a gigantic mastodon. The largest tooth weighs more than four pounds. Dr. Charles N. Reing, who has made many explorations in the wilds of South America and who has a large collection of mastodon relics, estimates that the animal has been dead for more than 20,000 years. The fossils were found in Jawbone Canyon and the theory of Dr. Reing is that these monstrous animals flourished in these latitudes at a prehistoric period, when the tilting of the earth with reference to the sun, had made this a tropical region.

## INSANE MAN RUNS AMUCK

### Fatally Wounds Prominent Labor Leader.

### SHOOTS TWO OTHERS

### Called to Kill Governor But Found the Door Closed; There Shoots.

### JUST RELEASED FROM ASYLUM

### John Steel, Released on Parole from Massachusetts Asylum Has Hallucination That he is Not Getting His Rights and Goes Gunning for Governor.

BOSTON, Dec. 5.—An insane man walked into the ante-room of the executive chamber in the state house this afternoon, and finding Governor Guild's door closed, turned on three prominent labor leaders and fired three shots at them, probably fatally wounding Edward Cohen, of Lynn, president of the branch of the American Federation of Labor; seriously wounding Dennis D. Driscoll, of Boston, secretary of the same board and injuring with the muzzle of his revolver, A. M. Huddel, of Boston, former president of the Central Labor Union of this city. The insane man is John A. Steel of Everett, released on parole last night from the Danvers Insane Asylum. He has a hallucination that he is not getting his rights for which the Governor is responsible. The labor leaders awaited the Governor's pleasure when Steele entered the reception room. He glanced toward the Governor's room and then fired two bullets through Cohen's head and the one which struck Driscoll in the head, rendering him unconscious. Huddel grappled with his assailant, and received a severe injury on the cheek from the muzzle of the maniac's revolver. Others rushed to the rescue, including the Governor, who assisted in subduing Steele.

#### BREAK INTO BANK.

Robbers Secure \$400 From Safe of Carney Bank.

CARNEY, Okla., Dec. 5.—The citizens of this place were startled at an early hour this morning by the report of five shots emanating from the direction of the Carney Bank. An investigation discovered that five men had broken into the safe of the bank and \$400 had been taken. Nitro glycerine was used to effect the entrance into the safe. The robbers held the townspeople at bay firing at anyone who appeared. After obtaining the money the robbers walked calmly from the scene of the robbery the vanished in the darkness just as armed citizens were preparing to attack them.

#### MACHINE SHOPS BURNED.

BOSTON, Dec. 5.—The East Cambridge machine shops of the Boston & Maine railroad were burned tonight. The loss is half a million.

#### ALASKAN BILL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Mr. Cale, delegate from Alaska, offered a bill conferring upon Alaska a territorial form of government.

#### ADOPT MEASURE.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Dec. 5.—By a vote of 95 to 10 today the House passed the "Jim Crow" measure, which provides for separate coaches and waiting rooms for whites and blacks.

#### FULTON WILL AID.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Senator Fulton today was tendered a place on the committee on committees, which has in charge the assignment of Senate committee places. He has accepted the place and will take part in arranging committees for the present term.

Congressman Ellis has introduced in the house Fulton's bill levying a tax on stock margin transactions. The measure pertains to revenues, that must originate in the House.

#### MODEL JUROR SECURED.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 5.—Work of securing a jury in the Pettibone case is progressing slowly. The result of today's work is exercising two more peremptory by state, and one by the defense. A model juror was found in George Perkins, a man who had never read of the case. He had talked with two men one of whom believed defendant guilty and the other innocent. Perkins is a stock raiser. His nearest neighbor is fourteen miles.

#### GIVES ENDORSEMENT.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 5.—President Woods, of the National Bank of Commerce, which failed to open for business today, announces that he has given his personal endorsement to three million to dollars of collateral pledged to secure his depositors. Woods is reputed a millionaire many times over and has valuable real estate holdings.

#### KILLED BY FOOTPAD.

NORTH YAKIMA, Dec. 5.—A dispatch from Ellensburg says William Hampson, foreman of the construction work of the Milwaukee railroad was shot dead by a footpad early this morning on the main street of that town. He had \$200 in his possession, but the thief interrupted made his escape without the money.

#### JAPAN LIKES MESSAGE.

TOKIO, Dec. 5, 5 p. m.—President Roosevelt's message has been generally well received here in official circles.

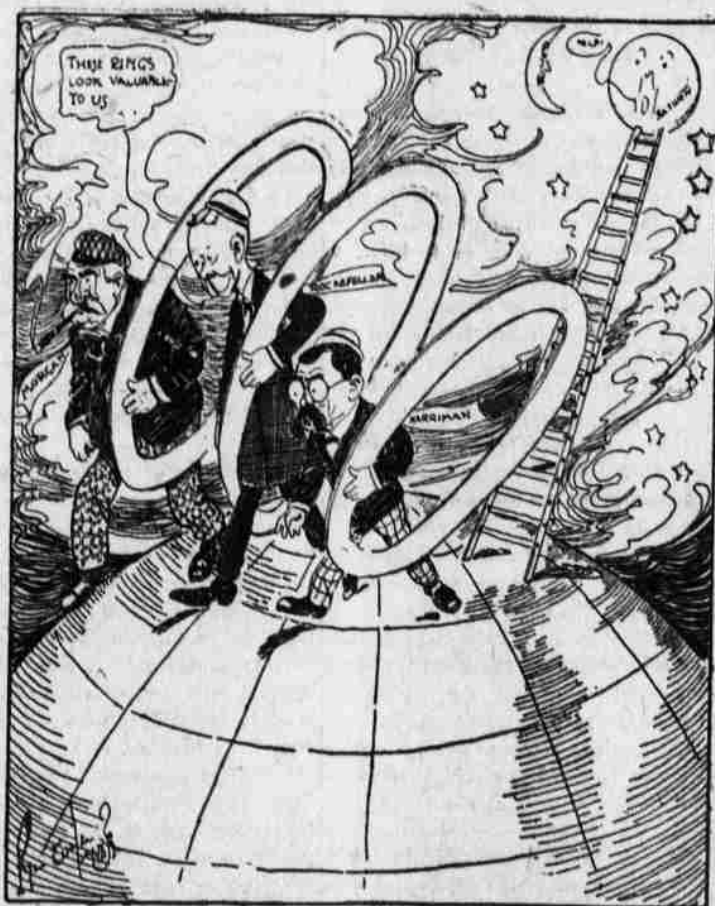
## ACTRESS SUICIDES

### Mrs. Clara Bloodgood Shoots Herself at Hotel.

### DOOR BARRED WITH TRUNKS

### Dead Actress When Called to Appear for Performance Places Revolver to Head and Pulls Trigger—Husband Hurrying to Baltimore on Special Train

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 5.—Mrs. Clara Bloodgood, the actress, committed suicide in her room at the Hotel Stafford this evening. She shot herself through the mouth. She was apparently cheerful when she returned from the matinee this afternoon. Mrs. Bloodgood was appearing in "The Truth" at the Academy of Music and when she did not report at the theatre for the evening performance a messenger was sent to her room to ascertain the cause of the delay. He found no difficulty in opening the outer door of the suite but the inner door at which he knocked, without receiving any reply, resisted his efforts to open it, but he finally managed to open the door slightly. Through the aperture he saw Mrs. Bloodgood standing with her back toward him, quite naked, but holding a wrapper in front of her. The boy hastily closed the door but instantly a shot rang out. The boy summoned help and the door was forced open, trunks having been placed against it. According to the coroner three shots were fired, one going into the ceiling of the room and two into the roof of the dead woman's mouth. The revolver was new, evidently having been purchased for the purpose for which it was used. The coroner says that the shooting was unquestionably suicide. The dead woman's body is not greatly disfigured. William Lambier, the husband of the dead actress is hurrying to Baltimore on a special train.



WE KNEW IT WOULD HAPPEN.

The rings of Saturn have disappeared.—News Item.